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Working to  
Build a Strong  
***DISADVANTAGED  
BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE  
(DBE)  
PROGRAM***  
In Montana



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OF TRANSPORTATION

# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDT)

## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

The Montana Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is actively working to create a level-playing field for small disadvantaged businesses to participate on federally-assisted transportation projects. The DBE Supportive Services office provides a variety of services to promote the DBE program and assist DBE companies in the state of Montana. The office is located in the Civil Rights Bureau of the Montana Department of Transportation. Here are some suggestions for *YOU* to participate in building a strong DBE program in Montana.

#### PROMOTION OF DBE PROGRAM

- Promote use of the Online Form to Request Quotes from DBE Companies for any projects. Go to [www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/quotereq.shtml](http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/quotereq.shtml)

- Use this language in your bid documents:

MDT has a quick and easy way for contractors to request quotes from Montana DBE-certified companies. The online form is located at: [www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/quotereq.shtml](http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/quotereq.shtml)

Call Rebecca Johnson, MDT DBE Supportive Services, 1-800-883-5811 for assistance. Using this online form will be considered for good faith efforts, but it does not constitute meeting all requirements of good faith efforts.”

- Promote use of the Montana DBE Directory. Go to [www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/](http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/) Click on **DBE Program** and click on **DBE Directory**.
- Participate in networking sessions to provide opportunities for DBE companies to meet engineering firms and prime contractors.

- Advertise all construction projects with the DBE Supportive Services office - send an email or fax to this office as if it was another Builders' Exchange. It will be emailed to DBE companies immediately and posted in DBE monthly newsletter.
- Contact the DBE Supportive Services Office and encourage prime contractors to do the same. Provide feedback to improve the DBE program - this office can help locate DBE subcontractors, address issues, answer DBE questions, etc.
- Co-sponsor local contractor workshops to promote awareness of major projects and encourage local contractor participation in the DBE program.
- Refer interested companies to our office for possible DBE certification.
- Distribute DBE Supportive Services brochures to prime contractors. Brochures are on our website: [http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/dbe\\_support.shtml](http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/dbe_support.shtml)

*Please contact us any time to discuss ways we can work together.*

**THANK YOU**

#### QUESTIONS? CALL US

Our office is working hard to partner with consulting firms to encourage DBE participation.

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